

Article 6: Board and Commissions

Division 11: City Public Utilities Advisory Commission

(“City Public Utilities Advisory Commission”

added 9–23–1991 by O–17683 N.S.)

§26.1101 Purpose and Intent

It is the purpose and intent of the City Council to establish a City Public Utilities Advisory Commission to serve as an advisory body to the Mayor, City Council and City Manager on policy issues relating to the oversight of department operations including, but not limited to, resource management, planned expenditures, service delivery methods, public awareness and outreach efforts, high quality and affordable utility services provided by the public utilities departments of the City of San Diego, including the Water and Metropolitan Wastewater Departments. It is the vision of the City Public Utilities Advisory Commission that there is a maintained high level of public confidence in the City of San Diego’s utility services because the services are provided in the most cost effective and environmentally sensitive way.
(Amended 12–10–2001 by O–19017 N.S.)

§26.1102 City Public Utilities Advisory Commission Established

There is hereby created a City Public Utilities Advisory Commission consisting of eleven members, the majority of whom shall be residents of the City of San Diego, who shall serve without compensation although they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in performing their duties. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. At least one of the members shall be one of the ten City representatives on the County Water Authority [CWA] Board. The Commission shall also include two ex-officio members representing and appointed by the Metropolitan Wastewater Participating Agencies. In making the appointments, consideration should be given to persons whose professional background or experience are in the fields of finance, engineering, utilities, and law.

The members shall serve four-year terms and each member shall serve until a successor is duly appointed and confirmed. Commissioners may serve a maximum of two full four-year terms, for a maximum of eight consecutive years, with a four-year interval between the terms in accordance with Section 43 of the City Charter. The members shall be appointed in such manner that the terms of not more than six members shall expire in any year. The expiration date of all terms shall be January 1. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term of the member whose place becomes vacant. The Commission shall adopt rules consistent with the law for the

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government of its business and procedures which must be approved by the City Council. If any member misses three or more meetings in a calendar year, they will be automatically removed from office. The Mayor shall appoint the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, who shall each serve for a term of one year. Pursuant to City Council Policy 000-4, adopted by the City Council on December 26, 1967, the Commission shall abide by the City of San Diego of Ethics for conduct of all Commission meetings and for any related activities undertaken as Commission members.

(Amended 12-10-2001 by O-19017 N.S.)

§26.1103 Duties and Functions

The Commission shall:

- (a) Provide advice and recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, City Manager and the Utilities General Manager on matters related to Public Utilities operations which impact ratepayers and residents of the City of San Diego. These operations may include Water, Wastewater, or other utility services as assigned.
- (b) Review department operations, planned expenditures, and service delivery methods and assist in promoting public awareness and outreach efforts to ensure that resources are responsibly managed, including human, financial and capital resources.
- (c) Make available to the City Manager its findings and recommendations and present periodic Reports to the City Council.
- (d) Perform such further duties as may from time to time hereafter be delegated to it by resolution of the City Council.
- (e) Conduct such investigations, studies, and hearings which in the judgment of the Commission will aid in effectuating its general purposes.

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